

APPROVED: Meeting No. 31-89

ATTEST:



MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND  
Meeting No. 25-89

May 24, 1989

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Worksession in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on May 24, 1989, at 7:45 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilmember Steve Abrams

Councilmember Viola Hovsepan

Councilmember David Robbins

ABSENT

Councilmember James Coyle

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, Assistant City Manager Rick Kuckkahn and City Clerk Sharon Gran.

Re: Department of Public Works

The following items were discussed:

1. Eleven full-time positions have been added to the FY1990 budget in addition to the conversion of four employees from temporary to full-time to meet the service level in FY1990 which includes increased snow and ice removal and recycling projects.

2. Mayor Duncan asked for a summary of what snow and ice removal enhancements are planned and the time frame for plowing.

3. Staff advised the Mayor and Council that refuse rates would need to be increased by a larger amount than what was originally indicated in the proposed budget due to increased tipping fees passed on by the County. Staff will prepare a statement

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to this effect to be read at the public hearing on May 30.

4. Regarding the water rate, Councilmember Hovsepian asked if the City prorates to cover charges and was advised by staff that the total treatment costs are built into the water rate and that it is a fully self-supported enterprise.

5. Councilmember Robbins questioned the general condition of the water system in parts of Rockville and staff responded that the infrastructure in Rockville is in good shape and that there has been no discernible pattern in water main breaks.

6. With respect to leaf collection enhancements, Mayor Duncan was advised that four new collections will be added. Mayor Duncan asked staff to provide a report on refuse "misses."

Re: Department of Police

1. Chief Treschuk confirmed the number of staff on hand, noting that there are three police officer vacancies, three police officers are currently on disability, there is one resignation pending and one vacant dispatcher position.

2. Councilmember Abrams asked about staffing at Lincoln Park substation. Staff advised that staffing is absorbed by Field Services; however, one full-time equivalent is dedicated to the municipal task force.

3. Chief Treschuk advised Councilmember Abrams that there have been no cutbacks as a result of increased manning of the Lincoln Park substation, but that through a realignment of patrol teams and innovative scheduling, more officers are on the street Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., the peak activity period.

4. Regarding the suggestion by the students participating in Student Government Days 89 that a youth liaison officer be assigned to the schools, Chief Treschuk stated that it was not feasible at this time due to the department's vacancies. Moreover, he noted that a policy decision was required in order to initiate a program

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whereby a City police officer would be assigned to work within the County school system.

5. Mayor Duncan requested an analysis of the fiscal impact, i.e., overtime hours required, in order to reinstitute the Explorers program in the City of Rockville.

6. Regarding the contingency disability overhire allocation, Mayor Duncan requested that staff prepare an analysis of overtime use in relation to vacancies and number of officers on disability.

7. Mayor Duncan also requested an analysis of what would be required in terms of man hours and funds for the City's Police Department to become accredited.

8. Councilmember Abrams noted that he felt it was important for the staff to be conversant in Spanish and that a language training program should be considered.

9. The status of the radar program and a weapons study conducted by the Firearms Review Committee was briefly discussed.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in Worksession, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m., to convene again in Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 1989, or at the call of the Mayor.